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A muzzle is provided that comprises a restraining part designed to surround the mouth of an animal to prevent it from opening, and means for holding the part on the head. The part may be arranged in such a way that it opens elastically so long as it is subjected to a force less than a limit value, and it is locked if that force is exceeded.